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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/637,625	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HUI ET AL.	
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09/14/2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-11,13-17,22,24,25,30,32 and 33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-11,13-17,22,24,25,30,32 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)         | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 09/14/2010 has been entered.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed 09/14/2010 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Objections***

3. Claims 24, 25, 32, 33, are objected to because of the following informalities: claims 24 and 25 depend on cancelled claim 23 while claims 32 and 33 depend on cancelled claim 31. Through out this Office Action claims 24 and 25 will depend from claim 22 while claims 32 and 33 depend from claim 30. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17, 22, 24-25, 30, 32-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,774,666 to Portuesi (Portuesi), in view of US Patent 6,604,242 to Weinstein et al. (Weinstein).

Regarding claim 1, Portuesi teaches elements stored in a non-transitory computer-readable memory (figure 1, label 6; col . 4, ll. 19-21) wherein the elements are structured for use by a computer to display (figure 1, label 12; because 10 is in a computer see col. 4, ll. 34-36) a multimedia presentation (video files) and a visual cue (url's) on a display of the computer (figure 1, label 12), wherein the elements comprise at least: a multimedia presentation element (video); and a visual cue element (url) which is nested within the multimedia presentation element (url's are embedded (nested) in video files see figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23); wherein the multimedia presentation element includes access information for the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 46-54 (video files include temporal information)); and wherein the visual cue element, which is nested within the multimedia presentation element, includes (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23): a visual attribute that defines a visual representation of the visual cue (figure 4, 40 (see circular shape of hot spot)); a spatial attribute that defines, in spatial relation to a spatial position of the multimedia presentation on the display, spatial characteristics of the visual cue (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36); and a temporal attribute that defines, in temporal relation to a temporal progression of the multimedia presentation on the display (col. 3, ll. 29-34; col. 6, ll. 43-45), temporal characteristics of the visual cue, wherein the computer uses the

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multimedia presentation element and the nested visual cue element (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23) to access the multimedia presentation and to synchronously display on the display the visual representation of the visual cue on over the multimedia presentation (figure 4, label 40; figure 3, labels 31, 32; col. 4, ll. 24-28), during a period of time which is based on the temporal characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the temporal attribute and on the temporal progression of the multimedia presentation (col. 4, ll. 49-67; col. 5, ll. 1-16; col. 3, ll. 2-34; col. 6, ll. 43-45), and at a location which is based on the spatial characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the spatial (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36) and on the spatial position of the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 49-53; col. 5, 20-28).

But Portuesi is silent on displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements.

Weinstein teaches combining television broadcast and personalized /interactive information (title) wherein XML can be used to synchronize the links or hyperlinks (personalized/interactive information with the television broadcast (Abstract; col. 1, ll. 52-64) which meets “displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements”.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the media player application of Portuesi to include displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using

XML-based elements as taught by Weinstein in order to support multiple data formats from mapping readily existing data structures.

Regarding claim 2, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 1, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the temporal characteristics include at least one of begin time, end time, and duration (col. 5, ll. 38-40).

Regarding claim 3, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 1, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the visual representation includes color (col. 6, ll. 20 (highlighting renders color obvious)).

Regarding claim 4, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 1, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the visual representation includes shape (figure 4, label 40 (circular)).

Regarding claim 5, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 1, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the spatial characteristics include position (col. 5, ll. 24).

Regarding claim 7, Portuesi teaches a browser (figure 5, label 76) that displays a multimedia presentation and a visual cue on a display of a computer to a user (col. 9, ll. 29-38), a method for processing elements, wherein the elements comprise: a multimedia presentation element (video); and a visual cue element (url) which is nested within the multimedia presentation element (url's are embedded (nested) in video files see figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23); wherein the multimedia presentation element includes access information for the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 46-54 (video files include temporal

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information)); and wherein the visual cue element, which is nested within the multimedia presentation element, includes (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23): a visual attribute that defines a visual representation of the visual cue (figure 4, 40 (see circular shape of hot spot)); a spatial attribute that defines, in spatial relation to a spatial position of the multimedia presentation on the display, spatial characteristics of the visual cue (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36); and a temporal attribute that defines, in temporal relation to a temporal progression of the multimedia presentation on the display (col. 3, ll. 29-34; col. 6, ll. 43-45), temporal characteristics of the visual cue (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36), wherein the method comprises: receiving the elements including the multimedia presentation element and the nested visual cue element (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23); and using the multimedia presentation element and the nested visual cue element to access the multimedia presentation and to synchronously display on the display the visual representation of the visual cue superimposed over the multimedia presentation (col. 5, ll. 12-16; figure 3, labels 31, 32), during a period of time which is based on the temporal characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the temporal attribute and on the temporal progression of the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 29-34), and at a location which is based on the spatial characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the spatial attribute (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36) and on the spatial position of the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 3, ll. 29-34; col. 4, ll. 49-53; col. 5, 20-28).

But Portuesi is silent on an XML-based browser for displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements.

Weinstein teaches combining television broadcast and personalized /interactive information (title) wherein XML can be used to synchronize the links or hyperlinks (personalized/interactive information with the television broadcast (Abstract; col. 1, ll. 52-64) which meets “an XML-based browser for displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements”.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the browser of Portuesi to include an XML-based browser for displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements as taught by Weinstein in order to support multiple data formats from mapping readily existing data structures.

Regarding claim 8, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 7, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the temporal characteristics include at least one of begin time, end time, and duration (col. 5, ll. 38-40).

Regarding claim 9, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 7, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the visual representation includes color (col. 6, ll. 20 (highlighting renders color obvious)).

Regarding claim 10, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 7, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the visual representation includes shape (figure 4, label 40 (circular)).



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Regarding claim 11, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 7, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the spatial characteristics include position (col. 5, ll. 24).

Regarding claim 13, Portuesi teaches a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium (figure 1, label 6; col. 4, ll. 19-21) storing computer executable process steps to display a multimedia presentation (video) and a visual cue (url) on a display of a computer to a user (figure 1, label 12; because 10 is in a computer see col. 4, ll. 34-36), and to process elements (video and url), wherein the elements comprise: a multimedia presentation element (video); and a visual cue element (url) which is nested within the multimedia presentation element (url's are embedded (nested) in video files see figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23); wherein the multimedia presentation element includes access information for the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 46-54 (video files include temporal information)); and wherein the visual cue element (url), which is nested within the multimedia presentation element (col. 4, ll. 21-23), includes: a visual attribute that defines a visual representation of the visual cue (figure 4, 40 (see circular shape of hot spot)); a spatial attribute that defines, in spatial relation to a spatial position of the multimedia presentation on the display, spatial characteristics of the visual cue (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36); and a temporal attribute that defines, in temporal relation to a temporal progression of the multimedia presentation on the display (col. 1, ll. 29-34), temporal characteristics of the visual cue (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36), wherein the computer-executable process

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steps cause the computer to execute process steps comprising: receiving the elements including the multimedia presentation element (video; figure 5; col. 9, ll. 21-38) and the nested visual cue element (url embedded in video file-see figure 2); and using the multimedia presentation element and the nested visual cue element to access the multimedia presentation and to synchronously display on the display the visual representation of the visual cue superimposed over the multimedia presentation (figure 1, labels 31,32), during a period of time which is based on the temporal characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the temporal attribute (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36) and on the temporal progression of the multimedia presentation (col. 3, ll. 29-34), and at a location which is based on the spatial characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the spatial attribute (col. 5, ll. 24) and on the spatial position of the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 49-53; col. 5, 20-28).

But Portuesi is silent on displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements.

Weinstein teaches combining television broadcast and personalized /interactive information (title) wherein XML can be used to synchronize the links or hyperlinks (personalized/interactive information with the television broadcast (Abstract; col. 1, ll. 52-64) which meets “displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements”.

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Portuesi to include displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements as taught by Weinstein in order to support multiple data formats from mapping readily existing data structures.

Regarding claim 14, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 13, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the temporal characteristics include at least one of begin time, end time, and duration (col. 5, ll. 38-40).

Regarding claim 15, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 13, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the visual representation includes color (col. 6, ll. 20 (highlighting renders color obvious)).

Regarding claim 16, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 13, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the visual representation includes shape (figure 4, label 40 (circular)).

Regarding claim 17, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 13, in addition Portuesi teaches wherein the spatial characteristics include position (col. 5, ll. 24).

Regarding claim 22, Portuesi teaches a method for displaying a multimedia presentation (figure 1, label 31) and a visual cue (figure 1, label 32) on a display of a computer (col. 9, ll. 29-38) executing a browser (figure 5, label 76) which processes elements (video and url), wherein the elements comprise: a multimedia presentation element (video); and a visual cue element (url) which is nested within the multimedia presentation element (url's are embedded (nested) in video files see figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23); wherein the multimedia

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presentation element includes access information for the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 46-54 (video files include temporal information)); and wherein the visual cue element (url), which is nested within the multimedia presentation element (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23), includes: a visual attribute that defines a visual representation of the visual cue (figure 4, 40 (see circular shape of hot spot)); a spatial attribute that defines, in spatial relation to a spatial position of the multimedia presentation on the display, spatial characteristics of the visual cue (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36); and a temporal attribute that defines, in temporal relation to a temporal progression of the multimedia presentation on the display (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36; col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 46-54), temporal characteristics of the visual cue (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36), wherein the method comprises: receiving the elements including the multimedia presentation element and the nested visual cue element (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23); and using the multimedia presentation element and the nested visual cue element (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23) to access the multimedia presentation and to synchronously display on the display the visual representation of the visual cue superimposed over the multimedia presentation (col. 5, ll. 12-16; figure 3, labels 31, 32), during a period of time which is based on the temporal characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the temporal attribute and on the temporal progression of the multimedia presentation (col. 3, ll. 29-34), and at a location (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36) which is based on the spatial characteristics of

the visual cue as defined in the spatial attribute and on the spatial position of the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 49-53; col. 5, 20-28).

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Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Portuesi to include an XML-based browser for displaying multimedia presentation and a visual cue using XML-based elements as taught by Weinstein in order to support multiple data formats from mapping readily existing data structures.

Regarding claim 24, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 22, in addition Portuesi teaches a method wherein the temporal characteristics include at least one of begin time, end time, and duration (col. 5, ll. 38-40).

Regarding claim 25, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 22, in addition Portuesi teaches a method wherein the visual representation includes at least one of a shape (figure 4, label 40 (circular)) and a color (col. 6, ll. 20 (highlighting renders color obvious)).

Regarding claim 30, Portuesi teaches an apparatus comprising: a display (12); a computer-readable storage medium (col. 4, ll. 19-21) for storing computer-executable process steps that cause a multimedia presentation and a visual cue to be displayed on the display (col. 9, ll. 29-38; figure 3, labels 31, 32), and for storing data elements (col. 4, ll. 19-21(storing video files including embedded url's); and a processor (figure 5, label 72) to execute the process steps stored in the storage medium (figure 1, label 12); wherein the elements comprise: a multimedia presentation element (video); and a visual cue element (url) which is nested within the multimedia presentation element (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23); wherein the multimedia presentation element includes access information for the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 34-40; col. 4, ll. 46-54 (video files include temporal information)); and wherein the visual cue element (url), which is nested within the multimedia presentation element (figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23), includes: a visual attribute that defines a visual representation of the visual cue (figure 4, 40 (see circular shape of hot spot)); a spatial attribute that defines, in spatial relation to a spatial position of the multimedia presentation on the display, spatial characteristics of the visual cue (col. 1, ll. 31-40; col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36); and a temporal attribute that defines, in temporal relation to a temporal progression of the multimedia presentation on the display, temporal characteristics of the visual cue (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36), and wherein the process steps comprise: receiving the elements (figure 5, label 66) including the multimedia presentation (video) element and the nested visual cue element

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(figures 2-3; col. 4, ll. 21-23); and using the multimedia presentation element and the nested visual cue element to access the multimedia presentation and to synchronously display on the display the visual representation of the visual cue superimposed over the multimedia presentation (figure 3, labels 31, 32), during a period of time which is based on the temporal characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the temporal attribute and on the temporal progression of the multimedia presentation (col. 3, ll. 29-34), and at a location (col. 5, ll. 20-28, 34-36) which is based on the spatial characteristics of the visual cue as defined in the spatial attribute and on the spatial position of the multimedia presentation (col. 1, ll. 31-40; col. 4, ll. 49-53; col. 5, 20-28).

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Regarding claim 32, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 30, in addition Portuesi teaches a method wherein the temporal characteristics include at least one of begin time, end time, and duration (col. 5, ll. 38-40).

Regarding claim 33, Portuesi in view of Weinstein teaches everything in claim 30, in addition Portuesi teaches a method wherein the visual representation includes at least one of a shape (figure 4, label 40 (circular)) and a color (col. 6, ll. 20 (highlighting renders color obvious)).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANTHONY BANTAMOI whose telephone number is (571)270-3581. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-5pm Monday-Friday (Off every other Friday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Koenig can be reached on (571)2727296. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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